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Hello. I am writing to join the many people to comment on the Microsoft settlement. I don't think that Microsoft is being punished enough for the following reasons:

1. Microsoft uses its dominance in the market to elbow out competition. This one is obvious, and the settlement doesn't do much to help this. It might require that MS release their API, but it only requires it to release the specs after they've implemented them. That could take other companies months to keep up, letting Microsoft still dominate the market.
2. Microsoft spreads FUD (fear, uncertainty, doubt) about Linux, MacOS, and other competitors. Most of this FUD are lies, made simply to keep people from using a superior product.
3. Microsoft is very obviously anti-competitive. Little shows that more than their recent lawsuit against Lindows.com. Their claim, that Lindows will be confused with Windows XP, is very ridiculous if you look at the logos and the names. The lawsuit is more likely an attempt to get Lindows.com out of the market before they can threaten MS's power and further Linux in the real world.

For those reasons, I think that Microsoft's punishment should be more severe. Please consider this in your decision.

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